

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO et al.

Serial Number : 10/019,402

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Based on Int'l Appln. No. : PCT/JP00/04337

For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS

FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND DRINKS

CONTAINING THE SAME

Examiner : D. A. Jagoe

Group Art Unit : 1614

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 10, 2003

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed April 10, 2002. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before September 10, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: